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GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM

As a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program will receive approximately **\$280 million** in stimulus funds. The primary purpose of the ARRA is to preserve and create jobs, and to promote economic recovery. Therefore, stimulus funds will be targeted toward **“shovel-ready” projects** that will be ready to proceed to construction within twelve months of ARRA enactment (i.e., by February 17, 2010). Information on the ARRA as it applies to the CWSRF program is available on our Economic Recovery website:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/econ_recovery_info.shtml

The ARRA states that not less than fifty percent of the allotted funds shall be provided as grants, principal forgiveness, or negative interest financing. This flyer is being sent out in an attempt to target small (i.e., less than 20,000 persons) and/or disadvantaged (i.e., median household income [MHI] less than eighty percent of the statewide MHI) communities that may have eligible, “shovel-ready” projects.

The CWSRF Program provides financing for a variety of projects, including: the construction of publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water recycling facilities, as well as expanded use (i.e., stormwater and other nonpoint source) projects. If you have a “shovel-ready” project, and you are interested in pursuing stimulus funds through the CWSRF Program, please see the back of this flyer for more information regarding how to apply.

Also, if you are interested in receiving email updates regarding the CWSRF Program, or other State Water Board programs such as our Small Communities Program (which is focused on assisting small and/or disadvantaged communities with their wastewater needs), you may subscribe on-line at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

If you have further questions or would like additional information, you may contact the CWSRF Program at (916) 327-9978 or CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov. Please identify yourself as a potential small and/or disadvantaged community applicant.

HOW TO APPLY FOR CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FINANCING

The process to apply for stimulus funds is the same as the State Water Board's typical CWSRF Program application process. If you have a "shovel-ready" project that will be ready to proceed to construction by February 17, 2010, and you are interested in pursuing stimulus funds through the CWSRF Program, please proceed with these initial steps:

- 1) Get on the CWSRF Program's Project Priority List (PPL), by completing the State Water Board's on-line Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool (FAAST) application. Instructions regarding this process are available at the following web address:
www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/docs/fy0910_pp_list.pdf

To access the FAAST website go to: <https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/>

- 2) Submit a CWSRF Financial Assistance application to Mr. Daniel Newton, at the following address:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

It is important to submit your application package as soon as possible, as projects will be considered on a readiness-to-proceed basis. The application is available online at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/srf/srf_forms.shtml

If you are already coordinating with a CWSRF Program Project Manager (PM) within the State Water Board, you may continue to submit application materials to your existing PM, but please ensure that you update your project information in FAAST, so that your project(s) will be included on the updated Fiscal Year 2009/2010 CWSRF Program PPL.